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## Viewing cable 05COLOMBO35, MILITARY COOPERATION IN THE RELIEF EFFORT IN SRI

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05COLOMBO35	2005-01-05 12:03	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Colombo

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/article1568870.ece>

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 000035

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 01/05/2015

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SUBJECT: MILITARY COOPERATION IN THE RELIEF EFFORT IN SRI  
LANKA

Classified By: Ambassador Jeffrey J. Lunstead. Reason: 1.4 (B, D).

1. (C) There has been much discussion about how to ensure that we use our military participation in relief efforts to strengthen our mil-to-  
2. (C) In dealing with this issue, we must remain aware of Sri Lanka sensitivities. When I told the Foreign Secretary that we intended to s  
3. (C) On the ground here, while we have excellent relationships with the Indians, they are also very careful to assert their own independen  
4. (C) It has been an extremely arduous task to get our own military relief effort up and running. We have now agreed with the GSL on how t  
5. (C) The bottom line is: things are working well here. We and the Indians are good buddies and share all information. Our mil program is  
LUNSTEAD